



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHAT IS VICTIM ASSISTANCE?

The Montgomery County Department of Police recognizes that many victims of crime will need additional support and services in the aftermath of a crime. As such, the Department has established a victim assistance program where highly trained victim assistants work with victims, a variety of police personnel, and allied community agencies in order to supplement and enhance their efforts to follow up with the victims of crime.

WHO ARE THE VICTIM ASSISTANTS?

The Department uses a variety of highly skilled individuals in the delivery of timely and comprehensive victim services. Some victim assistants are paid professionals, while others are well-trained volunteers but all work together to ensure that crime victims receive the support and services they deserve and need.

WHAT DO VICTIM ASSISTANTS DO?

Victim assistants make direct contact with crime victims to provide them with information about appropriate resources available within the community. Services include, but are not limited to, referrals to a variety of specialized counseling services, court accompaniment, locating emergency shelter, food and financial assistance, property return and crime prevention.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO RECEIVE THESE SERVICES?

All services are free of charge.

WHO CAN RECEIVE SERVICES?

All Montgomery County residents or victims of a crime committed in Montgomery County and their families are eligible.

..... for support, information and referral to appropriate sources of
help in the aftermath of crime,
contact the Department's Victim Assistance Unit at
(240) 773 - 5636